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(c) whether the N.V.G.B. Service submitted their objections in March 1952;

(d) whether the said matter has not so far been disposed of by the concerned authorities; and

(e) if so, the reasons for the delay?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) The applications were notified for preliminary epresentations but not under section 47 (1) of the Motor Vehicles Act.

" (c) & (d) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (e) The applications of Sri P. Pachukutty were for additional buses on the routes. Necessary enquiries had to be made regarding the maximum number of buses to be allowed on each route in the district after a proper traffic survey. This accounts for the delay."

SRI A. APPU:—" Is the Hon. Minister aware that the N.V.G. Bus Service has the sole monopoly on this line and that it was through the influence of the management of this bus service that the application was delayed by the Regional Transport Officer for a year?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" I am not aware of the allegations made by the hon. Member."

SRI A. APPU:—" Will the Minister be pleased to make enquiries and find out whether what I say is not a fact and that it was the reason why there was so much delay in putting up the case before the Regional Transport Authority?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO:—" As far as the delay is concerned, I can tell the hon. Member that the objections were received in March, that the matter was placed before the Regional Transport Authority in July which had to adjourn for a report from the Police and that on 22nd September 1952 the matter came up before the Regional Transport Authority. From the information available, on 29th September 1952, it ordered that one bus would be allowed to ply. Because of the various agencies through which the matter has to pass, there is delay."

Representations from the Tanjore District Kisan Sabha, Tiruvarur.

* 339 Q.—SRI T. VISWANATHAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received a petition from the Tanjore District Kisan Sabha of Tiruvarur complaining of hardships to the tenants and of the unpleasant treatment meted out to the tenants by the Conciliation Officers for Nagapattinam and Nannilam; and

(b) if so, what action has been taken on that ?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" (*a*) & (*b*) In September 1952, the Government received a petition from the Tanjore District Kisan Sabha, Tiruvarur. Among other things, the petition contained the allegation that the Conciliation Officer was wrongly interpreting the provisions of the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Ordinance. An extract of this portion of the petition was sent by the Government to the Collector of Tanjore for necessary action. As regards the other representations and allegations in the petition no action was considered necessary."

SRI S. VEMIAH:—" Has the Collector reported on the allegations mentioned in the representation and, if so, when was it received?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" There is no question of getting any report from the Collector here."

SRI T. LAKSHMINARAYANA REDDI:—" అధ్యక్షా, జిల్లా రైతు సంఘాల అధ్యక్షులు, కార్మికులు, రైతు ఇబ్బందుల గురించి కలెక్టర్లకు తెలియ జేసుకొనే నిమిత్తం interview లు కోరితే వారు నిరాకరిస్తున్నారు. వెనుక జవహర్ లాల్ నెహ్రూగారు అనంతపురం జిల్లా వచ్చినపుడు వారిని కలుసుకొనుటకుకూడా మన్ను జిల్లా కలెక్టరు అభ్యంతర పెట్టారు. తరువాత మద్రాసు గవర్నమెంటుకు తెలుపుకొని కలుసుకుంటామంటే అంగీకరించారు. ఈ విధంగా రైతు సంఘాలవారి representation లను విని, memorandum లు దీసుకొనుటకు కలెక్టర్లు నిరాకరించకుండా ఉత్తర్వులు జారీ చేస్తారా ?"

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER:—" Conveyances were supplied to the officers for touring the district quickly. A separate Conciliation Officer was appointed for Papanasam and Nannilam taluks. About Nagapattinam, the question of appointing one is under consideration."

SRI C. V. K. RAO:—" The Hon. the Minister is giving some other information. He has not replied to the question put."

The Kundipuzha Hydro-Electric Scheme, Walluvanad.

* 340 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the stage at which the Kundipuzha Hydro-Electric Scheme in Walluvanad, Malabar district, stands; and

(*b*) whether the Government will place on the table the details regarding the whole scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—" (*a*) & (*b*) A hydrometric survey of the Kundipuzha basin is being carried out and if this discloses a good hydro-electric potential, detailed investigation of the scheme will be taken up."

SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI:—" May I know for how long was the investigation going on and whether there is any possibility of its completion very early?"